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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report of Meeting
September 20-21, 1960

Present - Trustees, President R. H. Fogler, Mrs. R. C. Bowles, S. W. Collins, D. P. Corbett, Dr. L. M. Cutler, Dr. W. G. Hill, Mrs. C. C. Little, and F. J. Nutter; President L. H. Elliott and C. E. Crossland. Mr. Jack McBride, Treasurer H. W. Gordon, and Controller P. H. Vose were present for part of the meeting as indicated.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held August 10, 1960 were approved.

Educational Television Survey - President Elliott introduced Mr. Jack McBride, * director of the ETV survey which is being made by the University under a Ford Foundation grant. Mr. McBride discussed the survey and preliminary proposals for establishing by progressive stages a Maine ETV network of four transmitters, which will reach about 98 per cent of the residents of Maine. He pointed out that such a network would offer perhaps the most complete coverage of any such network in the country. He mentioned the proposed sites for the location of transmitters and the estimated cost of establishing each of the four units. President Elliott reported that the University had taken option on three sites as follows:

Danforth Hill, Litchfield - 6 acres, cost \$750 plus surveying costs.

Rye Hill, Baileyville - 200 acres, cost \$2,500 (The owner declines to sell less than the entire piece.)

Presque Isle - 5 3/4 acres, cost \$2,500.

Preliminary negotiations are underway for Hog Hill in Holden.

Upon recommendation of President Elliott, it was voted - to approve in principle the acquisition of sites as needed for ETV transmitters and microwave relay stations, said locations to be subject to the final recommendations and approval of the ETV survey engineers. Mr. McBride was thanked for his interesting discussion.

Awarding of Degrees in Course - Upon recommendation of President Elliott, it was voted - to confirm the awarding of degrees in course on August 19, 1960 to the students approved by the faculties of the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Technology, and the Graduate Faculty, as they appear in the printed Commencement program, a copy of which is a part of the official record of this meeting.

Maintenance and Control Committee Report - Chairman Corbett reported orally on the actions taken by the Maintenance and Control Committee at meetings held on September 20, 1960 and September 21, 1960. It was voted - to accept the report and approve the recommendations.

Personnel - Upon recommendation of President Elliott, it was voted - to approve the appointments, leave of absence, and change of title as contained in the agenda which was sent to all members with the call of the meeting, a copy of which agenda is a part of the minutes of this meeting. It was also voted - to approve the following recommendations:

Leave of Absence - Assistant Professor Harold W. Borns, Jr., of the Geology Department has requested leave of absence without pay for the period November 1, 1960 to January 31, 1961, to spend three months in the Antarctic on a scientific expedition headed by Dr. Robert L. Nichols, Head of the Geology Department of Tufts University. Dean Weston S. Evans in recommending the leave states, "I believe it will be of considerable benefit to Professor Borns, the Department, and the University, if he is able to take this trip as planned. A suitable substitute has been arranged for."

Academic Titles for ROTC Personnel

Major Daryl A. Beard as Assistant Professor of Military Science
 Captain John W. Emerson as Assistant Professor of Military Science
 Sergeant Eugene L. Floody, Instructor in Military Science
 Sergeant First Class Floyd Holmes, Instructor in Military Science
 Captain Julian H. Smith, Assistant Professor of Military Science

Gifts - It was voted - to accept with appreciation the gifts listed in the agenda for this meeting, a copy of which is a part of the official minutes. It was also voted - to accept the bequest of \$7,533.49 from the estate of the late Georgetta Erskine and to approve the establishment of the Fred S. N. Erskine Scholarship Fund, the income to be awarded annually by the Office of Student Aid under such terms as that department may determine, subject to the approval of the President of the University.

University Store Company - President Elliott discussed a statement dated September 8, 1960, "A Plan of Operation for the Book Store if Operated as a Part of the University." A copy of the statement which had been sent to the Trustees with the call of the meeting is a part of the official record of this meeting. President Elliott stated that the primary purpose of the Store is to serve the academic life of the University, with a secondary purpose to make available supplementary (but not required) academic supplies such as inexpensive good books, records, art, etc. All other items in the Store are there only for the convenience of students. The President recommended that the Board take no action at this time.

President's Report

1. Compulsory ROTC - President Elliott stated that it appears there will soon be a frank discussion with the Department of Defense re: the continuation of required ROTC drill at state universities and/or land grant colleges.
2. United Nations Forum - The Bangor Daily News is sponsoring a United Nations Forum in which representatives from five nations, including the United States, will participate. These five men have been made available to the University for two hours that afternoon to meet with classes or other activities to be determined by a faculty-student committee

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- *3. Portland University - President Elliott reported that he had had a recent meeting with Mr. George Payson, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dean Blake, of Portland University, and that it appears most of the major problems incident to a merger with the University have been resolved. In answer to questions re: the quality of Law School which the University would maintain, President Elliott stated that steps would be taken immediately to strengthen the course and to gain accreditation as early as possible. The suggestion that a joint meeting of the Trustees of Portland University and the University of Maine be held in Portland on November 15, 1960, was approved.
 - *4. Dedication of Payson Smith Hall - Plans are underway for the formal dedication of the new Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus on November 15, 1960. President Elliott briefly outlined plans for the event. Dr. Hill suggested that the chairman of the State Board of Education be invited to the dedication.
 - *5. Development Council - President Elliott discussed at some length the broad, basic concepts of Development Council work and its relationship to all other fund raising and alumni activities at the University. He plans to discuss this at a meeting of the Alumni Council in October. Informally the Trustees expressed approval of the President's ideas as outlined in his discussion.
 - *6. Registration - Preliminary figures indicate a registration of 4,019 at Orono and 302 at Portland. Late registrations will doubtless increase these totals.
 - *7. Salary Policy - President Elliott stated that the Trustees in August, 1957, approved a salary scale establishing maximum and minimum schedules for each academic rank. Under present employment conditions, this fixed scale makes it extremely difficult if not impossible to recruit and maintain the quality of staff essential to the high standing of the University. The following statement re: policies on salaries was approved:

"Desiring that salaries of all employees of the University be based upon:

1. the quality of service and
2. the financial resources of the institution

and recognizing that rigid salary scales do not always function in the best interest of the University or the employee, the Trustees hereby rescind all previous actions on this matter.

"The President of the University is authorized to make appointments to the staff of the University at such salaries and under such conditions as are considered to be in the best interests of the institution. All appointments must be confirmed by the Board of Trustees and those in which an annual salary of more than \$10,000 is involved must be first nominated to the Board by the President and approved by the Board before the offer of appointment becomes valid."

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- 8. Relationship to the Bureau of Public Improvements - President Elliott presented and discussed a statement entitled, "The Need to Exempt the University of Maine from the Authority of the Bureau of Public Improvements Act," dated September 16, 1960. A copy of this statement is a part of the official record of this meeting. It was voted - to approve this statement in principle and to authorize the introduction of legislation at the next session of the Maine Legislature, seeking to accomplish this objective.
- 9. Ford Foundation Grant - President Elliott announced that the University had received a grant of \$13,400 from the Ford Foundation to be used for a prelegislative session on December 1, 2, and 3. The Trustees will be invited to attend this conference.
- Proposed Retirement Plan - Messrs. Harry Gordon, Prescott Vose, and Archibald Price were present for this discussion. Mr. Price, representing Connell, Price Company, engaged as consultants to review the entire University retirement and insurance program, presented and discussed a statement, "Proposed Retirement Plan for Certain Employees of University of Maine," dated September 20, 1960. While this statement is believed to be substantially in final form, it is subject to some revisions. He also discussed the results of preliminary work re: the present retirement income plan, the group life insurance and the hospital and surgical benefits program. Mr. Price indicated a final and complete report and recommendations will be ready for distribution prior to the November meeting of the Board, which meeting he was invited to attend for further discussion of this subject.
- The 1961-63 Appropriation Request - President Elliott and Controller Vose discussed the "1961-63 Appropriation Request," dated August 24, 1960, a copy of which had been sent to each Trustee with the call of the meeting. It was voted - to approve the statement and adopt the appropriation request as presented. A copy of the statement is a part of the official record of this meeting.
- Auditor's Summary re: 1959-60 Accounts - Controller Vose presented a statement, "Auditor's Summary and Request for Board Approval," dated September 20, 1960, a copy of which is a part of the official record of this meeting. It was voted - to approve the statement and authorize the transfer of the following amounts from Reserve for Plan Rehabilitation for the purposed indicated:

President's House renovations	\$ 5,418.65
Water line to Athletic Field	773.35
Coburn Hall fire escape	7.19
Chemistry building wing - equipment	857.56
Alumni Hall - exterior painting	90.62
Stevens Hall - alterations to Dean's office	121.45
Renovation of Alumni Hall	709.14
Conversion of Room 131 Aubert Hall	6,667.67
Renovation of Student Aid office	<u>316.65</u>

\$ 14,962.28

- Trustee Nutter to Retire from the Board - Mr. Nutter announced that this might be the last meeting of the Board which he would attend, since his term expires November 4, 1960. He expressed to the members how greatly he had enjoyed being associated with them, his pleasure in serving the University, and further gave assurance of his continued interest in the progress of the institution.

Next Meeting - The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at University of Maine in Portland on November 15 and 16, 1960, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th.

Charles E. Crossland
Clerk, Board of Trustees